

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 22

THE STAR

Official Newsletter of Church of the Epiphany-Tempe

Pictured above: Sod Squad-ers installing a new parish hall faucet and lighting fixtures!
Rupert Loza, John Slaughter, Dwight Stone, Jerry Adwell



Join us as early as 7am this Saturday for our Parish Spring Clean Day! Each year we spruce up our church home and prepare our campus for newcomers and the season ahead. Whether you can lend a hand for an hour or the whole morning, your help makes a difference. There are tasks for all comfort levels, such as cleaning windows, pulling weeds, wiping pews and chairs, restocking pew cards, trimming shrubs, and many more! Reach out to Jerry at junior_warden@epiphanytempe.org with any questions or if you would like to be assigned to a specific task!

Sunday at Epiphany

The Fifth Sunday
in Lent

Celebrant:
The Rev. Hunter Ruffin

Lay Ministers 8:00AM

Greeter:
Andrea Stewart
Reader:
Andrea Stewart
Acolyte:
Joe Moritz

Eucharistic Ministers:
Rita Liddy

Lay Ministers 10:00AM

Greeters:
Priscilla DeMoss
Readers:
Peter Crane, Barbara Acker
Acolyte:
Pat Blackman

Eucharistic Ministers:
Ann Tebo, Jane Konrad

Music:
Dr. Miriam Hickman, Matt Flora,
Choir

A/V Ministers:
Alex Mather-Charles

Join us in-person at 8:00 or 10:00, or
online at 10:00



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAR. 29

Palm Sunday | 8am & 10am

APRIL 2

Maundy Thursday | 7pm

APRIL 3

Good Friday | 12pm & 7pm
Stations of the Cross | 3pm

APRIL 4

Holy Saturday Service | 9am
Easter Vigil | 7pm

[Click here for more details!](#)

Easter Egg Filling & Brunch Donations

Time to start thinking ahead to helping with the Epiphany Easter activities that we've all come to enjoy and share with our Unity and now UCCI neighbors. Please pick up a packet of Bible verses to add to your FILLED donated plastic eggs - see the large basket in the Narthex with the sign. There are some empty eggs available for anyone to take, first come first served. Please return filled eggs (with non-melting candy) by Palm Sunday. If at all possible, consider helping to hide them on Easter morning, and mark your calendar to bring a food item for the Easter brunch. Both the egg hunt and brunch will run from 9am to 10am, between the two services. Questions?

EGG HUNT

- Contact Pam Waterman at:

watermanpj28@gmail.com or 602-686-1249.



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FOR HE HAS BEEN RAISED

**EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5**



Worship Services

8AM – SPOKEN WORD WORSHIP

10AM – CHORAL WORSHIP

WITH GUEST MUSICIANS

Egg Hunt & Brunch

9AM – POTLUCK-STYLE BRUNCH

9AM – EASTER EGG HUNT

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Easter Flowers & Memorials

Help us beautify the altar for Easter by making a gift towards Easter flowers! Be sure to include your memorial with the gift, they will be featured in the Star newsletter in the weeks surrounding Easter. The last chance to submit for Easter flower memorials this year is Monday, March 23 by the end of day. You can place a gift clearly marked for Easter flowers in the offering basin on Sundays (be sure to include a memorial!) or fill out the form on our webpage [by clicking here](#).

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Epiphany VIP Team Continues Monthly House Meeting Series!

Small Group Conversation Series:
Following the Call to Be Prophetic
This Sunday, March 22 at 12:15pm

The Epiphany VIP Team has monthly house meetings to help our parish live into its prophetic vocation of working for justice, equity, and love. Inspired by the biblical prophets who acted as listening posts for their communities, these small group conversations are designed to help us better understand the challenges facing our members and neighbors in maintaining their health, economic security, safety and well-being.

- **Dates:** Sunday, March 22, and April 26. Dates for subsequent months to be determined.
- **Time:** 12:15 PM.
- **Campus Location:** Education Building, Room 3

A/V Ministers Wanted!



With the recent move towards digital worship guides, we could use one or two more sets of hands and ears in the A/V room on Sunday!

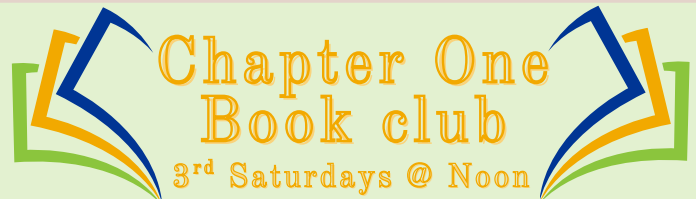
The A/V ministry also helps set up music, live-sound systems, and the projector for special parish events. The equipment is very easy to use and intuitive to learn. If you may be interested in joining the A/V team, contact christian@epiphanytempe.org or see him after worship!

MEN OF EPIPHANY

(MORE FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS "MOE")

**THE MEN OF EPIPHANY GROUP MEETS
EVERY OTHER MONDAY AT 7PM IN THE
ED BUILDING FOR BIBLE STUDY AND
FELLOWSHIP.**

**THEIR NEXT MEETING IS:
MONDAY, MARCH 23 @ 7:00PM!
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BILLYWALTERS51@GMAIL.COM**



Meeting this Saturday!

The March pick is A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving. Meeting March 21st at noon on Zoom. The April book pick is The Six by Laura Thompson, meeting April 18. If you would like to join the book club, need the Zoom link, or have any questions, contact Gillian Murphy at: (480)907-4933 or gillian@kirkyhomes.com.

Farmhouse Building Closed

Office Staff & Volunteers
relocating to Nursery for now

During the process of replacing the Farmhouse roof, it was discovered that there is a sewage leak underneath the Farmhouse.

Bids were obtained and the work of mitigating the leak will begin next week. The work is expected to last through the week.

Until the building is deemed safe again, the church office will continue to operate from the Nursery building.

Lent @ Epiphany

February 18 - April 3

www.epiphanytempe.org/lent

Sundays in Lent | Coffee Hour Formation @ 11:30am in the Ed. Bldg.

Nurturing a Rule of Life: Being People of Worship, Service and Love. At its core, the term “Rule of Life” is not about duty to rules but about slowing down and structuring our lives in alignment with our deepest desires. It’s a set of practices and relational rhythms that create space to be with Jesus, become like him, and do as he did. [Watch this video to learn more!](#)

Wednesday Lenten Series | Prayer, Potluck, Formation @ 5:30pm

We will begin with evening prayer in the Chapel at 5:30pm. Afterwards we’ll enjoy meatless potluck-style feast in the parish hall and transition into this year’s Lenten Formation Series Encountering Faith through Women in Scripture. Put this on your calendar and join us for one or all of these Lenten offerings starting this Wednesday! If you would like to reference the Women’s Lectionary being used for this formation series, or make copies for your group’s bible study, a copy can be made available to you in the Farmhouse during office hours.



Lenten Cereal Drive Total at 500!
June Crane

On behalf of Serve Council I want to thank everyone who has donated cereal or money for our Lenten Cereal Drive. 143 boxes came in last Sunday for the food banks at Matthews Crossing and Paz de Cristo. Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, officially ends the cereal drive and we are hoping for lots of cereal to boost our total to our goal of 700. Of course, the grocery cart is available every week outside the west Parish Hall doors for donations of cereal and other staple foods for Matthews Crossing.



Creation Care Corner

Offering ideas and inspiration for sustainable discipleship

Lent is a time that we fast in order to prepare for Easter and commemorate the forty days that Jesus fasted in the desert. This year, you might consider a less traditional “fast for the earth” that involves individual acts that care for God’s creation. Click the calendar below from Green Anglicans for ideas.

-Amy Douglass

[click the calendar to enlarge/download](#)

FAST FOR THE EARTH						
RESTORATION 202Fix						
MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
WATER	#MeatFreeMonday	Ash Wednesday Process of repentance. Reminds that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9	Plastic Pledge Commit to reduce plastic usage for the season. #MeatFreeMonday	Food Pledge Commit to reduce food waste for the season. #MeatFreeMonday	Transport/Energy Pledge Commit to reduce energy consumption for the season. #MeatFreeMonday	First Sunday Remember that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9
	#MeatFreeMonday	Plastics must fall Commit to switching off devices. #MeatFreeMonday	Kids Clean-away Invited to clean up old toys and clutter. #MeatFreeMonday	Rethink Packaging Check for packaging before buying. #MeatFreeMonday	Advocate for Change Challenge your local city to take action on climate change. #MeatFreeMonday	Second Sunday Remember that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9
	#MeatFreeMonday	Switch it off! Commit to switching off devices. #MeatFreeMonday	The more the merrier! Plan an engagement to 100. #MeatFreeMonday	Power down! Check out your electronics. #MeatFreeMonday	It's Game Time! Turn off electronics and bring out the board or card game. #MeatFreeMonday	Third Sunday Remember that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9
	#MeatFreeMonday	Think about the Waste Picker Separate your recyclables and food waste. #MeatFreeMonday	The Year of the Paper Bag Take alternative bags to shops with and avoid plastic for groceries and errands. #MeatFreeMonday	Garden or Compost Start a compost heap/ten or start your own vegetable garden. #MeatFreeMonday	Love Local Support local vendors. Buy food and experience from local vendors. #MeatFreeMonday	Fourth Sunday Remember that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9
	#MeatFreeMonday	Roots for Tomorrow For your next celebration, plant a tree at Church or home. #MeatFreeMonday	Natural Beauty Take photos of natural beauty and share it on your website. #MeatFreeMonday	Green gifts! Buy some indigenous plants, succulents, and give them to you as presents. #MeatFreeMonday	Popcorn for the Planet Watch a nature movie tonight. #MeatFreeMonday	World Water Day Remember that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9
NATURE	#MeatFreeMonday	Repurpose water Think a shower is the answer to use the water in the toilet. #MeatFreeMonday	Water Warrior Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth. #MeatFreeMonday	Single Use vs Reusable Say no to the single use plastic bottle. Buy a reusable one. #MeatFreeMonday	Every Drop Counts Take no less than 100 sips, one person per day. #MeatFreeMonday	Palm Sunday Remember that you are still and to seek you need water. Genesis 2:9
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Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal to them abundance of prosperity and security. -Jeremiah 33:6

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**Only 10 spots
are available
per course!**

Being With - Regular Course

RSVP

Sundays, starting April 12 through June 21, 6pm-7:30pm

Would you like to explore your faith with us? We are using a 10 week course developed by St. Martin's in the Field, London that explores the Christian faith from an inclusive and positive understanding of the Christian faith. It's particularly constructed for those who are exploring for the first time or after a significant break.

Being With - End of Life Course

RSVP

Wednesdays, starting April 8 through June 10, 6pm-7:30pm

Join us for a course that creates space for honest conversation, practical planning, and faithful reflection—for those making plans for themselves or navigating recent loss.

Together, we will explore questions of mortality, legacy, grief, and Christian hope—grounded in prayer, Scripture, and the assurance of God's abiding presence.

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**Exploring
Life and Faith
Together**

This Week's Prayers

We are all invited to pray for these people in our personal prayers throughout the week.

- **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Korea
- **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Church of Saint Matthew - Tucson
- **Parish Cycle of Prayer:** JoAnne Rehfield, Lyle Crane, Noah Landreth
- **Parish Prayer List:** April, Barbara, Bill & Lynda, Carol & Frank & Allen, Carol & Walt, Connie & Kathy, Cooper, David, Ellen & Richard, Jack & Pam, Jillian, Katie, Levi & family, Linda & John & family, Michael & Susan & Stuart, Nancy, the family of Timothy Reeves, Tony, Wanda

This Week at Epiphany

- **Sunday, March 22-** ~Rule of Life Formation Series at 11:30am in the Ed. Bldg. ~A.A. at 4pm in the Parish Hall. ~Al-Anon at 5:15pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Monday, March 23-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men of Epiphany at 7pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Tuesday, March 24-** ~Morning Prayer at 9am in the Chapel. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Ed. Bldg. ~Men's A.A. at 6pm in the Church.
- **Wednesday, March 25-** ~Eucharist at 10am in the Chapel. ~Discipleship Group at 12pm in the Farmhouse. ~Lenten Series: Evening Prayer at 5:30pm in the Chapel, Potluck & Formation follows at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Men's A.A. at 6:30pm in the Ed. Bldg.
- **Thursday, March 26-** ~Morning Prayer at 9pm in the Chapel. ~Business Networking International Meeting at 9am in the Parish Hall. ~A.A. at 6pm in the Parish Hall. ~Choir Rehearsal at 7pm in the Church.
- **Saturday, March 28-** ~Al. Anon. at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

Vestry Leadership

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Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Hunter Ruffin – Rector
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The Rev. Martha Seaman – Deacon

The Rev. Tamara Noel – Deacon

The Rev. Canon Steve Schaitberger –
Seasonal Assisting Priest

The Rev. Dr. Corey Meier – Assisting Priest

Dr. Miriam Hickman – Organist, Pianist

Matthew Flora – Choir Director

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